IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 30 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 19.   (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) A user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network, comprising:

notifying means for notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition which is set according to an operation of a user, the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

print shop information obtaining means for ~~notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition and~~ obtaining, in advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each satisfying ~~having a print ability corresponding to~~ the notified use condition, from said print management apparatus;

print data forming means for ~~setting a print condition by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus and~~ forming print data by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with ~~the set~~ a print condition which is set according to the operation of the user, the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

judgment means for judging whether each of the plurality of print shops included in the print shop information obtained in advance by said print shop information obtaining means can print the print data formed by said print data forming means, on the basis of the print condition of the print data and ~~the~~ a print ability of <u>each of</u> the <u>plurality of</u> print shop<u>s</u>;

~~screen information forming means for forming screen information for distinctively displaying print shops judged by said judgment means as a print shop which can print the formed print data, and print shops judged by said judgment means as a print shop which can not print the formed print data, in such a manner that the display of the print shops which can not print the formed print data indicates that such print shops are not selectable;~~

selection means for selecting a print shop to order print processing of the formed print data, from among the print shops ~~displayed~~ <u>judged by said judgment means</u> as the print shops which can print the formed print data~~, on the basis of the formed screen information~~; and

print order forming means for forming a print order, including the designation of the selected print shop.

21. to 23.   (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for processing information between a user apparatus and a print management apparatus through communication via a network,

wherein said print management apparatus comprises:

print shop information searching means for searching for information of a plurality of print shops; and

print shop information transmitting means for transmitting the print shop information searched by the print shop information searching means to said user apparatus, and

wherein said user apparatus comprises:

notifying means for notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition which is set according to an operation of a user, the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

print shop information obtaining means for ~~notifying the print management apparatus of a use condition and~~ receiving, from the print shop information transmitting means, ~~the~~ print shop information for the plurality of print shops searched by the print shop searching means each satisfying ~~having a print ability corresponding to~~ the notified use condition~~, from the print shop information transmitting means~~;

print data forming means for setting a print condition ~~by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus and~~ forming print data by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with ~~the set~~ a print condition which is set according to an operation of the user, the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

judgment means for judging whether each of the plurality of print shops included in the received print shop information, ~~obtained in advance by said print shop~~

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~~information obtaining means,~~ can print the print data formed by said print data forming means, on the basis of the print condition of the print data and ~~the~~ a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

~~screen information forming means for forming screen information for distinctively displaying print shops judged by said judgment means as a print shop which can print the formed print data, and print shops judged by said judgment means as a print shop which can not print the formed print data, in such a manner that the display of the print shops which can not print the print data indicates that such print shops are not selectable;~~

selection means for selecting a print shop to order print processing of the formed print data, from among the print shops ~~displayed~~ judged by said judgment means as the print shops which can print the formed print data~~, on the basis of the formed screen information~~; and

a print order forming means for forming a print order, including the designation of a the selected print shop.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is stored a computer-executable program for causing a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network to execute a print control process, said print control process comprising:

a notifying step of notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition which is set according to an operation of a user, the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

a print shop information obtaining step of the user apparatus ~~notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition and~~ obtaining, in advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each <u>satisfying</u> ~~having a print ability corresponding to~~ the notified use condition, from said print management apparatus;

a print data forming step of the user apparatus ~~setting a print condition by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus and~~ forming print data <u>by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus,</u> in accordance with <u>a</u> ~~the set~~ print condition <u>which is set according to an operation of the user, the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located</u>;

a judgment step of judging whether each of the plurality of print shops included in the print shop information obtained in advance in said print shop information obtaining step can print the print data formed in said print data forming step, on the basis of the print condition of the print data and ~~the~~ <u>a</u> print ability of <u>each of</u> the <u>plurality of</u> print shop<u>s</u>;

~~a screen information forming step of the user apparatus forming screen information for distinctively displaying print shops judged in said judgment step as a print shop which can print the formed print data, and print shops judged in said judgment step as a print shop which can not print the formed print data, in such a manner that the display of the print shops which can not print the formed print data indicates that such print shops are not selectable;~~

a selection step of the user apparatus selecting a print shop to order print processing of the formed print data, from among the print shops ~~displayed~~ <u>judged in said</u>

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judging step as the print shops which can print the formed print data, ~~on the basis of the formed screen information~~; and

a print order forming step of the user apparatus forming a print order, including the designation of the selected print shop.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable control method executed by a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network, comprising:

a notifying step of notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition which is set according to an operation of a user, the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

a print shop information obtaining step of the user apparatus ~~notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition and~~ obtaining, in advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each satisfying ~~having a print ability corresponding to~~ the notified use condition, from said print management apparatus;

a print data forming step of the user apparatus ~~setting a print condition by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus and~~ forming print data by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with ~~the set~~ a print condition which is set according to an operation of the user, the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

a judgment step of judging whether each of the plurality of print shops indicated by the print shop information obtained in advance in said print shop information obtaining step can print the print data formed in said print data forming step, on the basis of the print condition of the print data and ~~the~~ a print ability of <u>each of</u> the <u>plurality of</u> print shop<u>s</u>;

~~a screen information forming step of the user apparatus forming screen information for distinctively displaying print shops judged in said judgment step as a print shop which can print the formed print data, and print shops judged in said judgment step as a print shop which can not print the formed print data, in such a manner that the display of the print shops which can not print the print data indicates that such print shops are not selectable;~~

a selection step of the user apparatus selecting a print shop to order print processing of the formed print data, from among the print shops ~~displayed~~ <u>judged in said judgment step</u> as the print shop<u>s</u> which can print the formed print data~~, on the basis of the formed screen information~~; and

a print order forming step of the user apparatus forming a print order, including the designation of a selected print shop.

28.   (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein each of the use condition and the print ability includes at least one of a page size, a media type, a page layout and a finishing option.

30. (Canceled)